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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/866,789 )  
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Filed: May 30, 2001 )  
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, )  
IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND )  
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR ) July 30, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 09/119,043, filed July 20, 1998 (GAU 2852) which has been assigned in common with the present application and which is listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the specification and drawings is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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